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TOPIC 1. Soviet Maneuvers near ERFURT

25X1C 2. Kommandatura and Hospitals in ERFURT 25X1A

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1. Tank units held maneuvers in the area southwest of ERFURT (11 51/J 36) from 8 to 10 October 1949. About 150 tanks were observed to launch an attack from the direction of ARNSTADT (11 51/J 25) toward a defensive position on Steigerwald (woods south of ERFURT).

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2. The following offices were located in ERFURT on 18 October 1949:

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a. County kommandatura with a personnel of 70 to 80, including MVD soldiers. The kommandatura, located in the former government building, had some trucks and passenger cars [REDACTED]

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b. MVD office at 6 Friedrichstrasse with a personnel of about 40 troops wearing red-bordered green epaulets. The truck [REDACTED] Trucks [REDACTED] were seen in the streets of ERFURT.

3. The following information was obtained in ERFURT between 15 and 17 November 1949:

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a. Kommandatura: 25X1C
Guard unit of about 80 troops wearing black-bordered red epaulets, most of them allegedly of the 1927 class. Passenger cars [REDACTED]

b. Hospital for contagious diseases in the Henke Kaserne on Dittelstedterweg:

Occupied to capacity by soldiers having venereal diseases. Truck [REDACTED] was parked in front of the hospital.

c. Hospital in the Schuetzenhaus opposite the Jewish cemetery on Kollwitzstrasse: 25X1C

Occupied to capacity. Passenger cars [REDACTED]

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Comment:

The mentioned maneuvers were presumably conducted in connection with the large-scale maneuvers in which elements of almost all component units of the Eighth Gds Army participated.

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